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SUBJ: NASA STATION NEGOTIATIONS

1. EMBASSY IN RECEIPT DIP NOTE DATED NOV 2 WHICH SUGGESTS NEGOTIATIONS START NOV 21 FOR EVENTUAL RENEWAL OF NASA TRACKING STATION AGREEMENT. URGENCY NOTED BECAUSE OF IMMINENCE OF EXPIRATION PRESENT AGREEMENT; MENU OF NEGOTIATIONS TO BE MINISTRY OF TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. DCM MATHERON, WHO WILL THEN BE CHARGE, WILL REPRESENT US SIDE, ACCOMPANIED BY NASA STATION DIRECTOR EDELINE. GOMR HAS BEEN SO NOTIFIED. UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM, EMBASSY WILL TAKE SAME ORIGINAL POSITION AS IN TEXT OF DRAFT DIP NOTE, APPROVED BY STATE 158441 AND LEFT ON AUG 17 WITH MOFA DIRECTOR OF BILATERAL RELATIONS (TANA 1151). EMBASSY WILL, OF COURSE, REPORT ANY CHANGES PROPOSED BY GOMR AND AWAIT INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS. WE ANTICIPATE THAT GOMR'S INITIAL POSITION WILL BE THAT QUESTION OF RENT UNDER PRESENT AGREEMENT NEEDS SETTLING AND WOULD APPRECIATE INSTRUCTIONS EVOLVING FROM WASH DISCUSSIONS WITH GEN ANDRIAMHAZO (MIN TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT) ASAP.

3. NOTE SUGGESTING NEGOTIATIONS STRANGELY REFERS TO ORIGINAL "FOR EVENT OF JUNE 23, 1963". WE ASSUME MINISTRY IS REFERRING
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TO EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF OCT 7, 1963, BUT IF DEPT AND NASA HAVE

ANY INFO CONCERNING POSSIBLY EARLIER DATED AGREEMENT, PLEASE
ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.

4. WE CONSIDER NOTE, WHICH PUTS FORTHCOMING DISCUSSIONS IN
FRAMEWORK OF GOMR'S DESIRE TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN ITS TIES OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH U.S. AND, AS NOTED ABOVE, SPEC-
IFICALLY MENTIONS EVENTUAL RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT, IS FURTHER
EVIDENCE OF GOMR DETERMINATION TO KEEP NASA TRACKING STATION
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